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JOURNAL

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, January 17, 1855

Opening: The ninth session of the Louisiana Annual Conference commenced in the Baptist Church, Town of Franklin, St. Mary, La., January 17, A. D. 1855.

Doty Called to Chair: Bishop Andrew not being present, W. E. Doty was called to the chair, who conducted the opening services of the Conference with singing, and prayer.

Roll Call: The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and the following members answered to their names, viz:

Henry Avery	T. J. Lacy
B. F. Alexander	C. J. Hallberg
N. A. Cravens	J. M. Hofer
W. E. Doty	J. A. Ivy
S. J. Davies	J. C. Keener
P. M. Goodwyn	R. Randle
E. W. Griswold	L. A. Reed
S. J. Graves	W. A. Smyth
R. J. Harp	Z. Thompson

H. N. McTyeire	R. Trippett
J. Paule	J. B. Walker
Linus Parker	D. S. Watkins
J. Pipes	J. L. Wright
A. E. Goodwyn	E. M. Walker

President Elected: After which Conference went into the election for President by ballot. A. E. Goodwyn and R. Trippett appointed tellers. And on second balloting J. C. Keener was declared duly elected, having received a majority of all the votes cast. Whereupon he took the chair and made a few remarks.

Secretary Elected: Conference then went into the election of Secretary by ballot, which resulted in the choice of P. M. Goodwyn to fill that office. L. A. Reed was also elected by ballot, Assistant Secretary.

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment and Bar: Conference fixed the hour for meeting at 9 o'clock A.M., and for adjournment at 1 o'clock P. M. On Motion, Conference fixed as the bar the middle column in the church.

Laymen and Local Preachers Invited Within the Bar: On motion of J. Sanders, the Lay Committee-men, local preachers present, and visiting brethren were invited to take their seats within the bar of the Conference.

Transfers In: The President then introduced B. F. Alexander and E. M. Walker,

transfers from the Louisville Conference, and N. A. Cravens, transfer from the Texas Conference. Then took their seats as members of this Conference.

L. Campbell Introduced: L. Campbell of the Mississippi Conference, Agent for Centenary College, was introduced to the Conference by the President.

Walker to Preach Conference Sermon in place of Thweatt, Absent: On motion, J. B. Walker was appointed to preach the Conference Sermon at the M. E. Church this morning at 11 o'clock, in the place of H. C. Thweatt, not present.

Davies Chairman of Committee on Education: On motion, S. J. Davies was elected Chairman of Committee on Education in place of H. C. Thweatt.

L. A. Reed Chairman of Com. on Ministerial Support: On motion of P. M. Goodwyn, L. A. Reed was elected Chairman of Committee on Ministerial Support, and R. J. Harp was elected in his stead.

Committee on Public Worship: On motion of J. Sanders, the Presiding Elder, preacher in charge, and L. A. Reed were appointed on Public Worship.

Committee on Accounts, Book Concern, and Periodicals: On motion of J. Sanders, it was resolved to appoint a Committee on Accounts, Book Concern, and Periodi-

cals, excepting N. O. Advocate, the Editor being. On motion, J. Pipes and J. A. Ivy were appointed said Committee.

Communication from Book Agents: A communication from Stevenson and Owen, Book Agents, was read before the Conference, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Accounts, etc.

Conference to Adjourn to Meet in Committee of the Whole: On motion of A. E. Goodwyn, it was resolved when we adjourn, that we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., in Committee of the Whole on Missions.

Capbell to Preach at Night: Committee on Public Worship announced L. Campbell of the Mississippi Conference, to preach at night.

On motion of A. E. Goodwyn, Conference adjourned, with benediction by the President.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, January 18, 1855.

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., the President in the chair. The usual religious services were conducted by L. A. Reed. The Secretary called the roll. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A. E. Goodwyn Added to Com. on Public Worship: On motion of N. A. Cravens, A. E. Goodwyn was added to the Committee on Public Worship.

Rules of Conference Read: The rules of the Conference were read by the Assistant Secretary, on the call of J.Paule.

Com. on Missions Reports Progress and asks further time: J. Sanders of the Committee on Missions, reported progress, and asked for further time,which was granted.

Communication from H. C. Thweatt: A communication, addressed to the Conference from H. C. Thweatt, President of Mansfield Female College, was read.

Mansfield Female College Offered: A communication from the citizens of Mansfield was received, tendering the Mansfield Female College, to this body as a Conference School, and on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion Looking to Incorporation of Conference: On motion of R. J. Harp, Hon. J. M. Elam of Baton Rouge, was respectfully requested to have the Louisiana Annual Conference incorporated at the ensuing session of the Legislature, if practicable.

Motions Concerning Domicile of Conference: A motion was made by A. E. Goodwyn to adopt Baton Rouge as the Domicile of this Conference. W. E. Doty moved to strike out Baton Rouge and substitute New Orleans. Whereupon S. J. Davies moved to strike out both and substitute in their stead, the Capitol of

the State. Pending the discussion, a motion was made by D. S. Watkins and carried to refer the whole subject to the Committee on Education.

Admitted on Trial: Question 1, What preachers are admitted on Trial? J. C. Keener, P. E. of the New Orleans District, presented the recommendation of F. T. Dawson, from the fourth Quarterly Conference of Elijah Steel Chapel, held Jan. 2, 1855, and he was admitted. W. E. Doty, P. E. of the Shreveport District, presented the recommendation of Jeptha Landrum, from the fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference for the Mansfield Circuit, held at Mansfield, December 1, 1854, and he was admitted.

Readmitted: J. Sanders, Presiding Elder of Ouachita District, presented the certificate of location of R. M. Crowson, and, on motion, he was readmitted into the traveling connection. He also presented the name of Jeptha Hugh; had failed to procure his certificate of location, but, on motion, he was readmitted into the traveling connection.

Remaining on Trial: Question 2: Who remain on trial? The name of James J. Graves was called, his character examined and passed, and, on motion of J. Sanders, he was continued on trial, and on motion of C. J. Hallberg, it was required that he pass his examination on the course of study of the first year. The name of George W. Evans was called, his

character examined and passed, and, on motion of S. J. Davies, it was requested that he pass his examination on studies on which he failed to pass before the Committee for the first year, to wit: English Grammar, Wesley's Sermons, and Composition. The name of G. Busman was called, his character examined and passed, and on motion of J. C. Keener, he was continued on trial. The names of Uriah Riley, B. J. Hamilton, were called, their character examined and passed, and they were continued on trial.

Who are Deacons? Question 4: Who are deacons? The names of Matthias Maass and S. J. Graves were called, their character examined and passed.

Time Extended: The name of W. H. Rogers was called, his character examined and passed. His Presiding Elder asked for him a location. Pending this question, the hour of adjournment arrived, on motion of W. H. McTyeire, the session was prolonged until the case be disposed of.

W. H. Rogers Located: On motion of C. J. Hallberg, W. H. Rogers was granted a location at his own request.

Adjournment:- To Meet in Committee of the Whole on Missions: On motion of C. J. Hallberg, it was resolved that we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in the Committee of the Whole on Missions, at 3 o'clock P. M. On motion of C. J.

Hallberg, Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

THIRD DAY

Friday, January 19,1855

Opening: Conference met at 9 A. M.

Bishop Andrew in Chair: Bishop Andrew in the chair, by whom the usual religious services were conducted.

Roll and Minutes: The Secretary called the roll. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Communication from Dr. Summers: A communication from T. O. Summers, Secretary of the General Conference, on the subject of Conference Journals and Tract Society, read and referred to Committee on Periodicals.

Dr. Taylor, Missionary to China, Introduced. Dr. Taylor, Missionary to China, was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

Admitted into Full Connection: Question 3: Who are admitted into full connection? W. A. Manly was examined in open Conference by the Bishop. His Character was then examined and passed, and, on motion, he was admitted, and elected to deacon's orders.

Transfer In: Thomas H. Foster, a transfer from the Alabama Conference, was in-

troduced to the Conference by the Bishop, and took his seat as a member of this body.

Elected Local Deacons and Elders: The Bishop called for recommendations of local preachers to deacon's and elder's orders.

New Orleans District: J. C. Keener, P. E., of the New Orleans District, presented the recommendation of Henry Holmes, from the Quarterly Conference of the McGehee Charge, for deacon's order's and he was elected. Also the recommendation of John Schriever, from the Quarterly Conference of the German Charges, and he was elected to deacon's orders.

Quachita District: J. Sanders, P. E., presented the recommendation of Nathaniel N. Howell, from the fourth Quarterly Conference for Jackson Circuit, held at Sparta, September 16, 1854, and he was elected. Also the recommendation of Abraham Pipes, from the same Quarterly Conference, and he was elected.

Opelousas District: P. M. Goodwyn, P. E., presented the recommendation of Jesse Jenkins, from the fourth Quarterly Conference for the New Iberia Circuit, January 6, 1855, and he was elected.

Whatley Readmitted: J. Sanders presented the certificate of location of Uriah Whatley, and, on motion of J. San-

ders, he was readmitted into the traveling connection.

Character: Question 11: Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The names of J. C. Keener, J.B. walker, L. Parker, J. A. Ivy, H. N. McTyeire, J. M. Hofer, J. Paule, and Henry Avery were called, examined and passed.

Action on Character of Ferguson Deferred: The name of W. J. Ferguson was called, and on motion of J. C. Keener, his case was deferred for the present.

Character Continued: The names of H. A. Sugg, L. A. Reed, P. M. Goodwyn, N. A. Cravens and S. Hawes were called, their characters examined and passed. The name of S. W. Speer was called: a communication from him to the Conference was read, and on motion of H. Avery, his character passed.

Vote of Speer Reconsidered: On motion of D. S. Watkins, the vote by which the character of S. W. Speer passed was reconsidered.

After Discussion and Motions, Speer's Character Passed: H. N. McTyeire moved that he be located for not having attended to his work. R. J. Harp moved the adoption of the following resolution as a substitute:
Resolved, That we are satisfied that there are reasons sufficiently apparent to our minds why Dr. Speer did not go

to his appointment, and therefore, we will pass his character.
Pending the discussion, W. E. Doty moved that his character pass, which motion prevailed.

Adjournment: to Meet in Committee of the Whole on Temperance: On motion of A. E. Goodwyn, it was resolved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., in Committee of the Whole on Temperance. On motion of A. E. Goodwyn, Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday, January 20, 1855.

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Andrew in the chair. The usual religious services were conducted by S. J. Davies. The Secretary called the roll. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Missions: J. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee on Missions, presented report No. 1 from said committee in reference to German Missions in New Orleans, the appointment of an agent to collect funds to build a German church there, also in reference to China Mission, the raising of funds to defray expenses of procuring and giving to Chinese youth a Christian education. On motion, the report was adopted, and is on file.

Turnly Superannuated: The name of W. H. Turnly was called, his character examined and passed, his Presiding Elder asked a superannuated relation for him, which, on motion of J. Sanders, was granted.

Character Resumed: The name of W. E. Doty was called, his character examined and passed.

Morse Located: The name of H. A. Morse was called, his character examined, and on motion, he was granted a location at his own request.

Sanford Superannuated: The name of Thos. Sanford was called, his character examined and passed. His Presiding Elder asked for him a superannuated relation, which was granted.

Character Continued: The names of John Pipes, W. A. Smyth, J. Sanders, R.Randle, R. Trippett, D. S. Watkins, Z. Thompson, R. J. Harp, C. J. Hallberg, S. J. Davies, H. C. Thweatt, T. Lacy, A. E. Goodwyn, Moses Davis were called, their characters examined and passed.

Elected Elder: The name of E. W. Griswold called, his character examined and passed, and he was elected to elder's orders. (answering Q. 5.)

Character Resumed: The name of James L. Wright was called, his character examined and passed.

Stewards' Call- Keener in chair. The

Stewards made their call. J. C. Keener in the chaid.

Time Extended: The hour of adjournment being near at hand, on motion of C. J. Hallberg, the session was prolonged until the Stewards should get through with their call.

Concerning Deficits in Pastors' Receipts J. Sanders offered the following resolution, to wit:
Resolved, That in all cases where the preachers of Conference report a deficit in their receipts, that a pro rata division be made of such deficit between their claims of quarterage and table expenses, and that they make such division, and hand such calculations to the Conference Stewards, and further that we respectfully request the Stewards of circuits and stations hereafter to settle with the preachers after this method.
Which was adopted.

Adjournment to Meet in Committee of the Whole on Education: On motion of H. N. Mctyeire, Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., in Committee of the Whole on Education. Benediction by the President.

SIXTH DAY.

Monday, January 22, 1855

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Andrew in the chair. The us-

ual religious services were conducted by R. Trippett. The Secretary called the roll. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Stevenson and Kinnear Continued as Superannuates: The names of Wm. Stevenson and D. Kinnear were called, their characters examined and passed, and they were continued in the superannuated relation.

Cravens appointed to secure use of Court house for Conf. On motion of J. Sanders, N. A. Cravens was appointed a committee to see if the courthouse in this town can be secured as a place of meeting for this Conference.

Concerning Surplus on the Five Per Cent: J. C. Keener offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That any preacher bringing up a surplus on the five per cent, that his station or work be credited with the whole amount collected, but he may give any preacher who may be deficient the benefit of such surplus in his account with the Conference Stewards.

Resolution to Reconsider Case of Finn Lost: J. Sanders offered the following resolution, which was lost, viz:
Resolved: That inasmuch as the Bishop decides that the record of the case of Wm. Finn, who was indefinitely suspended last year, as informal, that we reconsider the case, in order to place

the same in legal form.

Case of W. J. Ferguson: The case of W. J. Ferguson was taken up. J. C. Keener presented against him as follows:

Charge 1st. Collecting money for furnishing the church at Thibodeaux to the amount of $80. in 1851, purchasing goods for that purpose in New Orleans of two houses, stating to the said houses they were for the Methodist Church at Thibodeaux, and paying neither bill, but leaving the bills unsettled, and the dunning letters of the houses unanswered, until the Trustees are addressed the past summer by the said firms, one of the bills still remains unsettled.

Charge 2nd. Collecting Missionary money for plastering the church at Houma and putting in an end gallery to the amount of several hundred dollars, and in the account rendered putting down items as, "Cash paid", which were in fact not and still are unpaid, and retaining the balance of the account rendered, some $45. in hand, all this year upon various pretexts, though promising in the beginning of the year to pay it over.

Charge 3rd. Collecting Missionary money and not paying it over or returning any account of it as collected to the Missionary Treasurer of the Conference, $100 from H. Cage's plantation, and $50 from T. Gibson's plantation.

Charge 4th. Buying a negro girl who had

circulated a report that you were the father of a mulatto child which she had, and that, after you had been especially told of the report by a steward of the church, as one that was damaging you, you after having sent the girl off, who was at the time of the report hired at your house, buying her at a very extravagant price where you were notoriously pressed for money, and obtaining security for that purpose at great pains.

Charge 5th.: Taking pay for the same job of work from R. J. Harp and myself when making up a new account to suit the sum total paid by us both under a new head in your ledger, one and a half years after the account had been regularly posted, and inserting in the new account a charge of ten dollars which did not exist either in the day book, or in the original posted account, and going back to the day book, and in order to make it tally with the new account in the ledger, inserting the $10 item, scratching out the figures of the ledger's index and putting in the pages of the new account in their place so that all traces of the original account might be effaced.

J. C. Keener, P. E.

Conference Adjourns to Courthouse: Pending the case, on motion of J. Sanders, the Conference adjourned to the Courthouse.

After several motions, Ferguson Expelled: J. B. Walker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That after a careful examination into the facts in the case of Brother W. J. Ferguson, that we regard him as grossly negligent in business relations, and reprehensibly indifferent to the effect of his actions upon his character as a man and as a minister, and that he be suspended for one year.

L. A. Reed moved to amend by striking out one year and inserting four. D. S. Watkins moved to substitute Expulsion.

On being put to vote, the substitute, the amendment, and the original resolution were lost.

J. Sanders offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That after a careful examination into the facts in the case of Bro. W. J. Ferguson, that we believe him to be guilty of immorality, and that he be expelled.

Railing of Courthouse the Bar: On motion of A. E. Goodwyn, the railing across the court room was constituted the bar of the Conference.

Statistics. The Secretary called for Statistics.

(See Statistics, page 39)

Adjournment: Meet in Committee of the Whole on Education: On motion of J. B. Walker, it was resolved to meet at 3 o' clock P. M., in Committee of the Whole on Education. Conference adjourned, with the benediction of Bishop Andrew.

SEVENTH DAY

Tuesday, January 23, 1855

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Andrew in the chair. The opening services were conducted by J. Sanders. The Secretary called the roll. Minutes of yesterday were approved.

Diffenwierth Superannuated: On motion of Z. Thompson, a superannuated relation was granted to P. H. Diffenwierth.

Doty Granted Leave of Absence: On motion of J. A. Ivy, leave of absence was granted to W. E. Doty.

Report of Com. On Sunday Schools: J. B. Walker, Chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools, presented a report from said Committee, with the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That each preacher having a charge be requested to see that, as far as possible, that there be Juvenile Missionary Societies organized in the Sabbath Schools within the bounds of his circuit or station and report the number and result of such Societies at the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference highly appreciate the design of our Book Agent to make the Sunday School Visitor a child's paper, and that we pledge ourselves to the extension of its circulation.

On motion of H. N. McTyeire, the same were adopted. The report in full.

Grant of Leave of Absence to Lacy: On motion of J. A. Ivy, T. Lacy was granted leave of absence.

Concerning Centenary College: J. C. Keener presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we request J. M. Elam, Esq. to act with L. Campbell as agent to receive subscriptions on account of the Centenary College.
Resolved, That we recommend to the Trustees of Centenary College to take all endowment subscription in Certificates of Louisiana State stock taken out in the name of the subscriber, said certificates to be endorsed by him in favor of the trustees so that the interest of the stock can be collected annually by them; with the understanding that the said interest shall be credited upon any tuition bills that may at any time be accrued by said subscriber, provided that the said interest shall only be credited during the time that the said subscriber shall be educating children or some representative at said College.

Accounts of Book Concern: Accounts from the Book Concern against the New Orleans Depository and W. H. Turnley were presented before the Conference, when J. C. Keener offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:
Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Lake Providence District be directed to see what arrangement Brother Wm. H. Turnley is prepared to make in the settlement of the accounts against him forwarded by the Book Agents.
Resolved, That the account against the New Orleans Depository be returned to the Agent with information that the account belongs to the Mississippi Conference, of which the Agent of the Depository is now a member.

Disposition of Surplus from General Conference Expense: H. M. McTyeire presented account of expenses od delegates to General Conference with the resolution following, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the surplus be appropriated to purchasing a suitable Book for Conference Journal, and a minute book for wach of the committees, of the Whole, in Lay Session, and the rest to the publication of Conference Minutes. The following is the account:

Total amount received:-		$232.12
Total amount expended:		
T. Sanford -	$83.00	
J. C. Keener	49.00	
H. N. McTyerie	46.00	
Newspapers	15.00	$193.00
		$39.12

Report Committee on Education: S. J. Davies, Chairman of Committee on Education reported in part, and the same was adopted.

Book Depository and Christian Advocate: H. Avery presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we, the Louisians Conference, take such measures as in the judgment of this Conference will be effectual for building a Book Depository and Missionary room in the city of New Orleans, including rooms for the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Motion Asking Elam to Procure Incorporation of Conference Reconsidered. On motion of J. Sanders, the vote by which J. M. Elam was requested to act as agent to procure, if practicable, an incorporation for this Conference, was reconsidered. J. Sanders then moved that the original resolution be laid on the table which motion prevailed.

To Apply to Legislation for Special Act of Incorporation: H. N. McTyeire presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved: That nine members of the Louisiana Conference be and hereby are authorized to apply to the Legislature of Louisiana for a special act incorporating them as the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

South.
Nine Trustees: A. E. Goodwyn moved to fill the blank with nine as the number of trustees to be incorporated, which motion prevailed.

New Orleans to be domicile of Conference. On motion of L. A. Reed, New Orleans was adopted as the Domicile of this Conference.

Nine Trustees Elected: The following were nominated and elected trustees for the Louisiana Annual Conference, viz:

J. C. Keener — J. B. Walker
J. Sanders — L. Parker
R. Randle — S. J. Davies
H. N. McTyeire — P. M. Goodwyn
L. A. Reed.

Next Session at Bastrop: J. Sanders moved that Conference fix upon the place of holding its next session, which motion prevailed. Bastrop was selected by vote of Conference as the place for holding its next session.

Committee on Temperance Reports: R. Trippett, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, presented a report from said Committee, which, on motion of J. A. Ivy, was adopted, and the same is on file.

Committee on Periodicals Reports: L. Parker, Chairman of Committee on Periodicals presented a report from said com-

mittee, which was adopted.

Publishing Com. of N. O. Christian Advocate to Audit Account of Treasurer of Missionary Society: Z. Thompson presented the following resolutions, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate be the standing committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference.

R. Randle Recommended as Agent of Homer College: D. S. Watkins presented the following resolution, was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the Bishop the appointment of R. Randle as agent for the College at Homer.

Keener to Preach Conference Sermon at next Session: J. Sanders presented the following resolution, which was adopted:
Resolved, That Brother J. C. Keener be appointed to preach the Conference Sermon at the next Session and that N. A. Cravens alternate.

Publishing Com. N. O. Christian Advocate Continued, To Publish Minutes: L. Parker presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee

of the New Orleans Christian Advocate appointed on the part of this Conference be continued as the Publishing Committee.
Resolved, That the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate be appointed committee to publish the Minutes.

Stewards' Report: The Stewards of Conference made their report, which was adopted.

Chairmen of Committees: On motion of J. C. Keener, the following were appointed Chairmen of the several Committees:

Chairman of Committee on Missions:-
J. Sanders.

Committee on Sunday Schools-J. B. Walker

Committee on Education -S. J. Davies

Committee on Church Publications-
Linus Parker.

Committee on Temperance - Henry Avery

Committee on Ministerial Support-
C. J. Hallberg

Examining Committees:

First Year-J. A. Ivy, C. J. Halberg.
Second Year-L. Parker, R. J. Harp
Third Year-A. E. Goodwyn, R. Trippett
Fourth Year-H. N. McTyeire, H. A. Sugg.

Committee to Visit Mansfield Female Col-

lege - R. Randle, E. M. Walker, and J. L. Wright.

SEVENTH DAY - EVENING SESSION

Tuesday, January 23,1855

Opening: Conference met at the church, according to adjournment, at hour of 6:30 o'clock, Bishop Andrew in the chair.

Further Report of Committee on Education: S. J. Davies, Chairman of Committee on Education, presented balance of report of said Committee, which was adopted, with following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

Franklin Female College: Resolved, That the preacher in charge of Franklin and Pattersonville Circuit be appointed to cooperate with the trustees of Franklin Female College in soliciting subscriptions and carrying out the wishes of the Conference in establishing said College.

Importance of Female Education: Resolved, That the importance of Female Education fully justifies an action on the part of Louisiana Conference taking efficient means to establish and sustain as many female schools as may be organized for that purpose.

Recommending Baton Rouge Female Seminary: Resolved, That we recognize the Baton Rouge Female Seminary, under the control of Mrs. M. W. Read, as one ever

worthy our patronage and that we will recommend said school in our charges.

Adopting Mansfield Female College as Conference School and Making Provision for President, Agent, and Trustees:

Resolved, 1st. That we adopt the Mansfield Female College as a Conference School.

Resolved, 2nd. That we recommend the Bishop to appoint Dr. H. C. Thweatt as President of that College, and Brother Doty as Agent of said College.

Resolved, 3rd. That we appoint the following gentlemen the trustees of Mansfield Female College, five of whom shall be a quorum to do business, to wit:

Jacob D. Wimple	A. M. Campbell
Col.Hamilton Sloan	Rev. W. W. Bell
James W. Howard	Henry Moss
M. Johnson	Wm. Crosly
Dr. A. V. Roberts	Lewis Philips
James Persons	Gen. Henry Philips
Dr. R. T. Gibbs	R. F. Johnston
John Gordon	B. W. Pearson
Geo.R. Draughton	Geo.B.Burress
Wm. H. Terrill	Daniel Brown
Dr. Jos. Wilder	Rev. W. E. Doty
Col. W.W.Harper	Rev. J.C.Burress

W. J. Littlejohn

Charter for Homer College: Resolved, That Messrs John Young, C. G. Young, J. Sanders, John C. Blackman, Daniel D.

Richardson and Thomas H. Lewis be and they are hereby appointed to draft a charter for the Conference College to be located at Homer, in the Parish of Claiborne, to be called Homer College, and procure the incorporation of the College by a special act of the Legislature, and further,

Resolved, That should the Legislature fail to charter said College by special act at its present session, than Rev. John C. Blackman, John Young, W. B. Egan, or either of them, with any six or more persons who may choose to associate with them, and whose name appear in the body of this report as trustees and incorporaters be and are hereby appointed to incorporate said Homer College under the general actof the Legislature entitled, An Act to Amend an Act Providing for the Organizations of Certain Corporations in this State, Approved April 13, 1847, Approved April 30, 1853, provided that in either event the charter shall be made to conform to the laws of the M. E. Church, South, in so far as these may accord with the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Concerning Need of Suitable Buildings at Centenary College:

Resolved, That it is an imperious duty, (makde so by their personal interest) for the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, within the bounds

of the Mississippi and Louisiana Conferences, to cause to be erected suitable suildings at Centenary College to place its commanding position on an equality with any other College in the United States.

Recommending Inviting Alabama Conference to share in Centenary:-

Resolved, That we recommend to the trustees of the Centenary College to invite the cooperation of the Alabama Conference equally with the Mississippi and Louisiana Conference in the conduct and patronage.

That in case the Alabama Conference will determine to unite with us, that such a change in the charter as that the Board of Trustees shall consist of 24 members, to be composed of an equal number from the Louisiana, the Alabama and Mississippi Conference, each of whom shall fill such vacancies as my occur from time to time in its own part of the Board.

Resolved, That the Rev. L. Campbell present the above resolution to the Board of Trustees of the College, for their concurrence, and upon that concurrence, to the Alabama Conference, through its representative at the Convention, which has been appointed to meet at Summerfield, Alabama, on July 4, 1855, for the purpose of taking steps toward the establishing of a College in the bounds of that Conference.

Trustees of Mahala Female College at Minden, Louisiana.

Resolved, That J. M. Monine, Benj. A. Pearce, A. A. Abney, Edward Pate Harris, Robert M. Dickenson, W. P. Haughton, J. J. Bryant, T. Johnson, G. W. Keene, W. Lacky, R. M. Kennon, J. C. Blackman, D. Brown, C. G. Young, J. Sanders, R. Randle, H. N. McTyeire, T. Smith, D. Lawrence, J. D. Watkins, be and are hereby appointed Trustees of Mahala Female College at Minden, Louisiana.

Homer College Endowment Subscriptions:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Trustees of Homer College to take all endowment subscriptions in certificate of Louisiana State Stock taken out in the name of the subscriber, said certificates to be endorsed by him in favor of the Trustees so that the interest of the stock can be collected annually by them with the understanding that the said interest shall be credited upon any tuition bills that may at any time be accredited by said subscriber provided that the said subscriber be allowed during the time that the said subscriber shall be educating children or some representative at said College.

Homer College to Begin Operation as Soon as Buildings are Ready:

Resolved, That we request the trustees of the Homer College to go into successful operation as soon as there can be erected suitable buildings.

Homer and Mansfield Colleges Instructed to Incorporate Trustees:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Homer College and the Mansfield Female College be hereby authorized to incorporate themselves as Boards of Trustees to conduct and further the interests of said institutions that the quorum of each Board of Trustees shall be five members.

Report of Committee on Periodicals: L. Parker, Chairman of Committee on Periodicals, presented balance of report of said Committee, which was adopted with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we will use our efforts to extend the circulation of The Home Circle within our bounds.
Resolved, That the Conference recognize in the appointment of Rev. L. D. Huston as its Editor, by the General Conference, the highest assurance of the excellence and success of this periodical.

S. M. Quarterly Review: Resolved, By. H. N. McTyeire, That all the preachers of Louisiana Conference take the S. M. Quarterly Review, and exert themselves to extend its circulation.

Missionary Apportionments Same as Previous Year: J. C. Keener offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Missionary Apportionment of the Conference for the year be the same as that of year before last.

Several Resolutions: H. N. McTyeire presented the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote:-

Thanks to Baptist Church:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the Baptist Church for the use of the house in which the sessions have been held.

In Appreciation of Hospitality of Citizens of Franklin:

That the cordial manner in which the members of the Conference and their lay delegates have been received and the abundant hospitality with which they have been entertained by the citizens of Franklin are entitled to our acknowledgment, and have awakened in us feelings of unfeigned friendship, and we will pray that the blessing of God, temporal and spiritual, may rest on them.

Gratitude to God for Harmonious Session:

That we find cause for joy and gratitude to God in the harmonious session we have enjoyed and the gracious influences of the Holy Ghost that attended the religious exercises during the Conference, and that ever hereafter we pledge ourselves to look forward to our Conference session with preparation and prayer, and hope as seasons of special religious edification to ourselves and

the people to whom we desire to come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

Also be the same, the following resolution was adopted:

Day of Fasting and Prayer:

Resolved, That the first Friday in May be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, praying especially that the Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support: R. J. Harp, Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Support, presented report of said Committee, which was adopted, viz:

The Committee of Award have decided in favor of the essay of J. Broneau and passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we tender the prize essay to the Secretary of the Tract Society for publication and distribution.

Resolved, That preachers who have failed to pay their Widows' and orphans' per cent be required to send or bring up the amount to the next Conference.

Deacons and Elders Ordained: The Bishop presented the names of the following brethren as those who were ordained deacons by him on the Sabbath, viz:

B. J. Hamilton, W. A. Manly, J.Graves, and Henry Holmes.

Also the names of the following brethren ordained elders, viz:

L. Parker, Jas. L. Wright, E. W. Griswold, and Jesse Jenkins.

Widows' and Orphans' Per Cent Five Per Cent: On motion of J. C. Keener, it was:

Resolved, That the Conference declare the widows' and orphans' per cent for 1855 to be five per cent.

Appointments: After singing, and prayer conducted by the Bishop, and an address to the Conference, the following appointments were announced by him for the ensuing year:

APPOINTMENTS

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New Orleans District

Presiding Elder	J. C. Keener.
1. Caroldelet St. Church	J. B. Walker
2. Felicity St. Church	L. Parker.
3. Moreau St. Church	J. A. Ivy.
4. Wesley, Coule and Winans Chapels	H. N. McTyeire.
5. First German Mission	L. Pauley.
6. Second German Mission	To be Supplied
7. Third German Mission	To be Supplied
8. Fourth German Mission	G. Busman
9. New Orleans Circuit	To be Supplied
10. Baton Rouge	Thos. H. Porter.
11. Plaquemine and Point Coupee	H. Avery.
12. Thibodeaux and Napoleonville	S. Hawes.
13. Donaldsonville, Bayou Black Circuit & Mis.	L. A. Reed.
New Orleans Christian Advocate	H. N. McTyeire.
Agent for German Mission in N. O.	J. M. Hoffer.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT

Presiding Elder	P. M. Goodwyn.
1. Franklin and Pattersonville and Col. Mis.	N. A. Cravens.
2. New Iberia Circuit	B. F. Alexander.
3. Opelousas and Chicot Circuit	R. Trippett.
4. St. Landry Colored Mission	To be Supplied.
5. Alexandria	A. E. Goodwyn.
6. Rapides Colored Mission	To be Supplied
7. North Rapides Circuit and Col. Mission	Uriah Riley.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Presiding Elder	R. Randle
1. Shreveport	E. M. Walker.
2. Caddo Circuit	T. J. Lacy, T. J. Graves.
3. Caddo Colored Mission	To be Supplied.
4. Mansfield Circuit	H. A. Sugg.
5. Natchitoches	Jeptha Landrum
6. North Bossier Circuit	James L. Wright.

President Mansfield Female College and member Mansfield Quarterly Conference - H. C. Thweatt.
Agent for Mansfield Female College, and member of Caddo Quarterly Conference - W. E. Doty.

OUACHITA DISTRICT

Presiding Elder		J. Sanders
1.	Minden Circuit	B. J. Hamilton.
2.	Homer Circuit	J. Pipes.
3.	Farmerville Circuit	R. M. Crowson.
4.	Monroe and Trenton	Jeptha Hughes.
5.	Castor Circuit	C. W. Hodge.
6.	Monroe Colored Mission	To be Supplied.
7.	Bastrop Circuit and Colored Mission	D. S. Watkins
	and	G. W. Evans
8.	Jackson Circuit	F. T. Rawson.
9.	Jackson Colored Mission	To be Supplied.
10.	Dugdemona Mission	W. A. Manly.
11.	Red River Circuit	W. A. Smyth.

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT

Presiding Elder		Z. Thompson.
1. Lake Providence		R. J. Harp.
2. Carroll Mission		Z. Thompson.
3. Monticello Circuit		C. J. Hallberg.
4. Boeuff Prairie	Uriah Whatley,	E. W. Griswold.
5. Waterproof and St. Joseph		S. J. Davies
6. Trinity Circuit		Moses Davis.
7. Columbia Circuit		S. J. Graves
8. Richmond and Madison		To be Supplied.

Transfers Out- Samuel W. Speer was transferred to Mississippi Conference and appointed to Washington Circuit. M. Maas was transferred to Alabama Conference and appointed to the Mobile German Mission.

Transfers In- B. F. Alexander and E. M. Walker from the Louisville Conference, and N. A. Cravens from the Texas Conference.

Superannuates - David Kinnear, Thos. Sanford, W. H. Turnley, and Wm. Stevenson.

L. A. Reed, Assistant Secretary- J. O. Andrew, President.

STATISTICS

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

CHARGES	Whites.	Colored.	Preachers.	S. Schools.	Supts.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Vol in Library.	Missionary Money.	S. S. Collection	Bible Cause
Carondelet	320	25	2	2	2	26	237	1590	$325.	$170.	$150.
Felicity	211		2	3		53	549	2732	300	511.	200.
Moreau Ch.	159			1		17	185	1100	165.	287.	
Wesley Ch.											
Soule Ch.		12	3			3	100				
Winans Chapel											
First German	88		1	1		14	70	339	188.	34.	
2nd. German	50		1	1		12	40	350	69.	25.	
3rd. German	16		1	1		10	25	429	72	70	
4th. German	21					10	30	130	38.	30.	
N. O. Ct.	83		2	5		25	135	491	8.	153.	
B. Rouge	122	250	2	1		9	51	500	26.		20.
Plaquemine	26	45		3			77	200			
Thibodeaux	45	64		1		11	50	300	27.		60.
Lafourche &											
B. B.	50	882	1				200		232.		

MONROE DISTRICT										
Minden Ct.	240	100	3					70.		
Homer Ct.	710	212	11	4	26	145	1000	$60.	$98.	
Jackson Ct. & Mission	454	89	5	2	13	60	544		31.	$41.
Farmerville	220	63	1	4	18	88		21.		
Bastrop Ct.	296	200	3	2	10	64		473.		
Trenton	324	19	7					10.		
Monroe Col.		57						75.		
Columbia	228		2							
Dugdemona	112		2							
Red River.	192	61	3	1	8	27	160	140.	9.	
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT										
Lake Prov.	108	39		1	20	75	1300	62.	375.	35.
Monticello	225	25	2					108.		
Richmond & Col Mission	68	343						144.		
Boeuff Pr.	237	16	4	2	8	35	270			10.
Waterproof	84		2					120.		
Trinity	104									

				OPELOUSAS DISTRICT						
Opelousas	202	26	1	3	21	78	500	$168.	$35.	
St. Landry		200								
Franklin	275	425	2	2	17	130	1000	254.	140.	$25.00
New Iberia	199	90	3		14		255	100.	6.	15.00
Alexandria & Haw Cr.	104	60								
Rapides Ct		196						224.		
				SHREVEPORT DISTRICT						
Shreveport	39			1	13	90	500	$ 43.		
Caddo Ct.	180		5	2	6	40	400	100.		$4.
Caddo Mis.		336								
Mansfield	242	150	2					121.		
Natchitoches	243		6	3	13	100			$10.	60.
Colored Mis		53								
N. Bossier	135	34	1					10.		